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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room C,

Second floor, Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED: January 7, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Mateyko, RA, Professional Member, President Paul Guggenberger, RA, Professional Member Todd Breck, RA, Professional Member Kevin Wilson, RA, Professional Member, Secretary

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Flora Peer, Administrative Specialist II Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General (12:07)

ABSENT

Prameela Kaza, Public Member Elizabeth Happoldt, Public Member Richard Wertz, RA, Professional Member Joseph Schorah, Public Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Nancy Payne, AIA Delaware Derick Haese, NCARB

Call to Order

Mr. Mateyko called the meeting to order at 10:37a.m.

Discussion of NCARBs changes to the IDP, BEA, and BEFA and other NCARB Matters

Mr. Haese introduced himself to the Board members. Mr. Haese reviewed the changes NCARB has made with the Board. Mr. Haese stated that NCARB reviewed all of the requirements and found that updates were needed. A special project was started to update the ARE, NCARB provided state Boards with the best options. Also, the IDP special project reviewed the process to update and streamline. The special project team consulted with other professionals and committees. The special team started with 17 different options, 9 to streamline and 8 to overhaul. NCARB provide state Boards with the proposed changes, 36 were in favor and 15 were against the changes.

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Mr. Guggenberger stated that the Board had many concerns with the IDP and questioned why the internship hours were decreased. Mr. Haese stated that NCARB was looking for a more focused approach to internship program. Currently it could take 5 ½ to complete requirements and another 2 years for the testing. Mr. Haese stated that NCARB is attempting to get schools involved in assisting in IDP internship program. Mr. Breck stated if you have interns but a lack of CA which can make it hard to meet requirements. Mr. Haese agreed that there are interns out there that cannot meet the requirements because of lack of projects that will fulfill requirements. Mr. Wilson stated that there is disconnect in education and field experience. Mr. Haese stated that practice hours make up the core requirements during the internship. Mr. Haese stated that former NCARB presidents were working with schools, but in the end the school will choose how the school will proceed.

Mr. Breck stated that he was reluctant to adopt the new changes because there are people that are capable but do not meet certain requirements. Mr. Haese stated that the Board does not need to adopt the changes made by NCARB. Mr. Guggenber stated that the Board has been struggling with applicants that have many practice hours but do not meet educational requirements. The Board has been discussing what can be done for these applicants with experience. Mr. Guggenberger questioned how one could make up the requirements. Mr. Haese state that portfolio review is an option, some courses can be made up but it may be difficult.

The Board discussed the proposed bill to allow those with years of experience to gain licensure if they are already licensed in a substantially similar state. Mr. Haese stated that most states have a 3 year requirement. Mr. Haese stated that a new BEA announcement is to be expected. The Board would be receiving correspondence in regards to further proposed changes.

Mr. Mateyko thanked Mr. Haese for his attendance at the meeting.

<u>Adjournment</u>

With no further business before the board, Mr. Breck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wilson to adjourn the public meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Flora Peer

Administrative Assistant II